

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Eric Warren
Director, Public Relations
Utah State University Research Foundation
1695 North Research Park Way
North Logan, UT 84341

Reference: F-2013-00553

Dear Mr. Warren:

On 3 January 2013, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 2 January 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records on **"Ross Warren Perram as they pertain to his relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency."** We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Although you have provided some of the identifying information required before we can effectively search our files on an individual, we still need additional data before we can begin processing your request. Without this data, we may be unable to distinguish between individuals with the same or similar names. You indicate that the subject is deceased; in that case, we require some *evidence of death*, such as a death certificate, an obituary, or a press statement to ensure there are no privacy considerations.

As you are aware, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to collect fees for records services. You will note on the enclosed fee schedule that we charge search fees, including computer time where indices are computerized, review fees, and copying costs for releasable documents. Search fees are assessable, and you will be charged them even if our search results are negative or if we determine that no information is releasable under the FOIA. Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the "educational and non-commercial scientific institution" fee category, which means you may have to pay for the cost of reproducing released records, which would be assessed at a rate of ten cents per page after the first 100 copies, which you receive free.

I must consider your request for a fee waiver under the standards the Agency FOIA regulations outline, which you will find at Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and Department of Justice guidance. I have reviewed your request under those standards to determine "if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." Your request does not meet these standards because disclosing the information you seek is not "likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the United States Government." I therefore deny your request for a fee waiver.

You may appeal this decision, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to appeal the denial of your request for a fee waiver, you are encouraged to provide an explanation supporting your appeal. Agency regulations also specify that if the Agency has started to process a request, the Agency may only accept an appeal of a fee waiver denial if the requester agrees to be responsible for the costs in the event of an adverse administrative or judicial decision.

We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending receipt of the individual's **evidence of death** and **your commitment to pay all fees** as outlined above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Meeks", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Michele Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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